on 17.08.2001 was on the subject of "Acquisition of land at Eravipuram Railway Station".

The demand made in the memorandum of Eravipuram Railway Users' Association for conversion of Eravipuram Halt Station to Flag Station has been examined and not found viable for the present. The reply to memorandum has already been sent to Shri P. Raghunathan, General Secretary, Eravipuram Railway Users' Association on 11.02.2002.

Compensation for technology transfer in Centre for Biochemical Technology

2909. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case for compensation for technology transfer have been filed against the Centre for Biochemical Technology (CBT) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the cost for which the above technology has been transferred to the concerned party and the compensation asked by the above party;

(c) whether the above case relates to binding on World Trade Organisation (WTO) conditions on patent after 2005; and

(d) whether the above technology is in accordance with the WTO conditions on patent after 2005?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Centre for Biochemical Technology (CBT), New Delhi, a constituent unit of CSIR, had transferred process know-how for making 4,4' dimethoxytrityl chloride (DMTrCl) and 1H Tetrazole, used as reagents in DNA synthesis to an Indian firm. The process know-how for both was transferred on a lump sum payment of Rs. 3 lakh with a 5% royalty for 5 years in 1995. The firm successfully commenced production and paid royalty for the first two years. For upscaling the process of tetrazole Rs. 10 lakh was agreed in 1997. The firm paid

Rs.12 lakh out of a total due of Rs.13 lakh. Thereafter it failed to make further royalty payment and in 2001 sought compensations amounting to Rs. 7.66 crore from CSIR alleging breach of the agreement and expected profits from the activity. For failure to make payment due to CSIR and for causing damage to its reputation due to false allegations CSIR has also claimed compensation for Rs.11.14 crore from the party.

(c) and (d) The conditionalities of the WTO do not apply to the process as the know-how development pertains to the period prior to setting up of WTO.

Science Planetarium in Tamil Nadu

2910. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need to create awareness among the public regarding Science and Technology;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up Science Planetarium in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the need to create awareness among the public regarding Science and Technology.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal with the Government for setting up Planetarium in the country in general and Tamil Nadu in particular. To encourage sky watching and popularize science a planetarium was built in Chennai in 1988 and another in Tiruchirappalli in 1999. Two mobile planetaria are also used for this purpose.